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Murray & Company, who lead in the awning business, and who were located on Randolph street for eleven years, invite you to call at their new mammoth establishment, 329 to 333 South Canal street.

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The finest and best equipped safety deposit vaults west of the Allegheny Mountains are those recently built by K. G. Schmidt & Son at 300 Clybourn avenue, northwest corner North avenue.

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While abroad Mr. Thomas Conley, of Tanner & Conley, fashionable tailors, in the Reaper Block, selected as fine a line of imported goods as the old country could produce. Tanner & Conley invite one and all to call and inspect their line of fall suitings, as they are sure to please the most fastidious.

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The Wurzbarger and Prima beer, brewed by the Independent Brewing Association, cannot be excelled in this country, or any other. Don't forget their number, 589-612 North Halsted street. Telephone North 645.

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Get your shirts made at Thomas J. Cavey's, 100 Dearborn street.

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What has become of the proceedings against the packers who stole ONE MILLION DOLLARS' worth of water from the city? Who did the packers settle with at the City Hall that the matter has been so completely dropped?

William Churchill, former consul to Apia, Samoa, has recorded one of the Mallett war songs, supposed to be about 400 years old, in a graphophone belonging to the bureau of ethnology.

GREAT NAVAL TRAGEDY.

Explosion on the Sultana that Killed 1,500 American Troops.

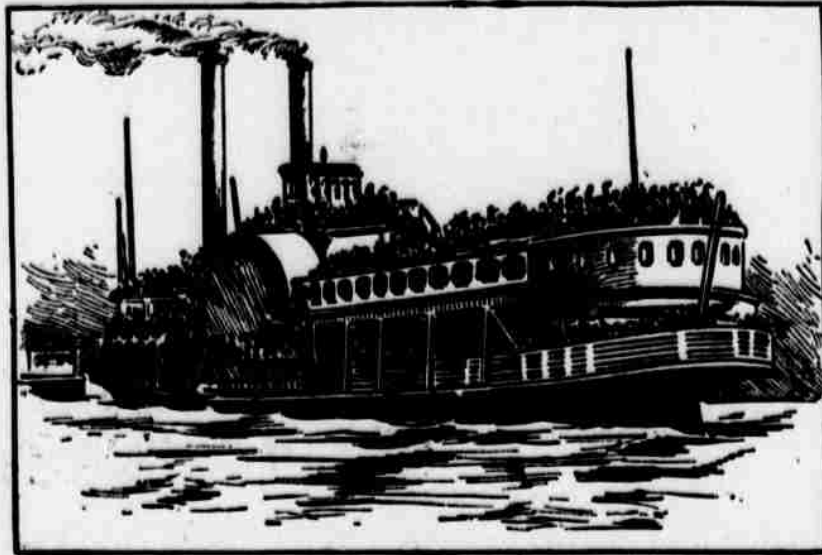
Dreadful as is the loss of more than 200 lives on the Maine, this fatality is not the worst in the naval annals of the United States. By far the greatest loss of life from one American vessel, and probably unsurpassed in the history of the world, was when, at the close of the civil war, the Mississippi steamer Sultana blew up her boilers near Memphis and buried 1,500 Union soldiers to death.

The Sultana was a fine, large vessel, 255 feet long, which plied between St. Louis and New Orleans. She left New Orleans one fine April morning in 1855 on her return to St. Louis with a heavy cargo. She touched at Vicksburg, on her trip up the river, and took on board

cover of the noble rivers, the Orinoco and the Amazon, and the exploration of the vast forests west of the Andes. About the end of the sixteenth century an English expedition either sent out by or under the personal leadership of Raleigh penetrated into Guiana, thereby obtaining a claim on that country which has resulted in the acquirement of the modern British colony of that name.

It has been supposed that the origin of this fable arose from the yearly celebration of a tribe of Indians near Gogota, whose chief was on these occasions gilded with gold dust, but this ceremony was never witnessed by the Spaniards, and the story may simply be another version of the El Dorado myth.

The name El Dorado was commonly used to describe the city or country



THE TRAGIC STEAMER SULTANA.

2,100 Union soldiers, who had been prisoners at Columbia, Libby, Andersonville and other Southern prisons, and who had either been exchanged or freed by the flight of their jailers. The soldiers were from the West, and there were several cases of 100 or so belonging to one regiment.

This was an enormous load for the steamer and she made slow progress up the river. The boat coaled at Memphis. After taking on an unusually large supply, she left Memphis at 8 o'clock at night, April 26, 1855. She pulled out of the harbor for the last time and started up the river. But she did not go far. About ten miles above Memphis, while all were asleep, the vessel exploded. It was 4 o'clock in the morning, April 27, 1855, that the Sultana was wrecked, with a loss of 1,500 men, nearly all Union soldiers.

One of the boilers burst, tearing out one whole side of the hull. The vessel then listed to one side, while the other, which had caught fire, burned furiously as the swift gale fanned the flames into a roaring blaze. It was a horrible scene. Twenty-two hundred men were

which was the object of the search, but a later usage of the term has been its figurative application with regard to any region of more than common richness. El Dorado County, in California, was the scene of the famous gold finds of '49, and since then the expression has been used to describe many gold camps.—Pittsburg Commercial Gazette.

CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICANTS

Interesting Figures on the Drink Bill of Four Leading Nations.

The British Board of Trade has just published some figures showing the consumption of wine, beer and spirits in the countries of Europe and the United States. The report emphasizes one fact that is generally overlooked and that is that the consumption of the various intoxicating beverages is controlled, very largely, by climate. Spirits predominate for drink in the cold countries, beer in the more moderate and wines in the southern sections. Thus we see that spirits are used very largely in Scotland, northern Russia, Swe-



EXPLOSION OF THE SULTANA.

blown into the air, and fell into the water with the shattered ruins of the once proud Sultana. Many of the men were torn to pieces, while hundreds sank beneath the waves.

The night was hideous with the cries and moans of the wounded and growing men who clung to the remains of the wrecked craft. The Marble City and Jenny Lind were both in the harbor at Memphis, but having up no steam, they could not go to the rescue. The little steamer Gray Eagle happened to be coming down the river, and picked up about 400 of the struggling men and carried them to the United States Hospital at Memphis. Occasionally here and there in the North to-day can be found a survivor of that awful night.

The El Dorado Myth.

El Dorado is the term we heard on every side in connection with the placer mines of Alaska and the Northwest Territory of Canada. Its derivation is of interest. In the fifteenth century it was rumored that there existed in the northern part of South America a city of great wealth called Manoa, whose king, El Dorado by name, was periodically smeared with gold dust, until his whole body had a gilded appearance. It was said that on these occasions he threw gold, emeralds and other precious metals and gems into a sacred lake, in which he afterward bathed.

Beginning in 1532 the Spaniards sent many large expeditions to search for this phantom city, and most of them ended disastrously, hundreds of lives being lost. One explorer, Orrellano, avowed that he found El Dorado in his voyage down the Amazon in 1540. This was disproved, but the search was continued down to the eighteenth century. Some of the results were the conquest and settlement of New Granada, the making known to the world of the mountain region of Venezuela, the dis-

den and Norway, beer in England and Germany, while in France, Spain and Italy wine is drunk almost to the exclusion of other intoxicants. From this it would follow that beer should be chiefly used in the northern section of the United States and wine in the southern.

What the effect of high taxation is upon a nation's drink bill is a subject not well settled, while it is well established that the amount of spirits consumed varies with the prosperity or purchasing capacity of the people; that large vintages and correspondingly large production of wine increase the amount of the per capita consumption and that in most cases increase in taxation and corresponding increase in the cost of intoxicants somewhat reduce the amount consumed. There is considerable variation in the revenue derived by different nations from the taxation of alcoholic beverages. In Great Britain it is 85 per cent; in France 10 per cent; in the United States 30 per cent, and in Germany 17 1/2 per cent.

The following table gives the quantity of wine, beer and spirits, in gallons, consumed per capita in the countries named:

Country	Wine	Beer	Spirits
United Kingdom	0.49	20.7	1.01
France	20.50	5.2	1.85
Germany	1.00	25.5	1.04
United States	0.22	12.7	0.83

Probably the large amount of spirits consumed in Germany is due somewhat to the fact that it is cheaper there than in either France or Great Britain. The showing in the United States is certainly creditable, for the people consume of alcoholic beverages very much below the average of the four nations.

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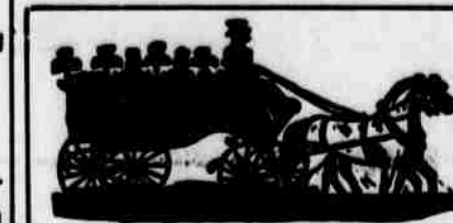
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